TO: Persons responsible for evaluation of Title I Program

FROM: Gary Skoglund, Title I Evaluator, Office of Technical Assistance

DATE: April 27, 2001

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Title I Programs

This Title I evaluation was the one we had intended to have done electronically this year but unexpected staff changes has forced it back to a paper and pencil report. Attached you will find two copies of the Title I Annual LEA Evaluation Report with complete instructions. Following the instructions carefully will help you quickly complete the evaluation. You only need to report progress on grades 4, 8 and 11. A new addition to this report will be Part IV. Please list each Title I school by name and the poverty level of that school.

You will notice that the test score data does not have to be reported this year. DECA will take that information directly from data supplied to us by Harcourt. Adequate yearly progress will continue to be as follows:

Identification of schools for improvement will be based on the following: Adequate Yearly Progress will be defined as a five percent (5%) annual increase in the number of students moving from the Below Basic level to the Basic level, or from the Basic level to the Proficient level. Failure to demonstrate this (5%) annual increase in performance levels for two consecutive years will identify a school for school improvement. Any schools with less than ten students in a group will be identified by the SEA on a case by case basis. Adequate yearly progress will be based on Reading Comprehension and Math Problem Solving. You have to be failing to make progress in both to be placed in school improvement.

Please attach the last two pages of the Title I Performance Report for **EACH** Title I school (mailed in September, 2000) to this evaluation. <u>All schools are required to attach these pages to the Title I Evaluation Report.</u>

<u>Summer School Evaluations</u>: If you are conducting a summer school Title I program this summer, please contact me or your assigned representative for an evaluation form. <u>Forms will not be mailed out to everyone</u>.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING BY JUNE 15, 2001:

- 1. One completed copy of the Title I Evaluation Report
- 2. Copies of the School Performance Report (pages 1 and 2) from the Title I Performance Report for **EACH** school.

TO:

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